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# SARGIS BARKHUDARIAN

(1887-1973), POEM IN D SHARP MINOR

“This recording is dedicated to a hidden gem of Armenian piano music—Poem by Sargis Barkhudarian (1921). Unfortunately, this piece has not found a place in pianists’ repertoires, despite having all the prerequisites for wide recognition.

Sargis Barkhudarian was a pioneer of Armenian classical music. He left a remarkable legacy that has been overlooked by both professionals and students; yet his works were acclaimed by renowned musicians such as Alexander Spendiarian, Alexander Glazunov, Leonid Nikolayev, Jāzeps Vītols, and Nikolai Tcherepnin.

This piece was recorded only once—over 70 years ago, in 1958, by Ketti Malkhasian—and has since fallen into obscurity. By sharing Barkhudarian’s Poem with a broader audience, I hope to encourage musicians to rediscover it among the other forgotten gems of Armenian music.” —

*Suren Babayan, piano*



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Born in 2002, Suren Babayan began studying piano in 2013 at the Sayat-Nova Music School and later continued his musical education at the Alexander Adjemian Music School. In 2020, he was admitted to the Komitas State Conservatory of Yerevan, where he completed a bachelor's degree and is currently pursuing a master's degree.

As an emerging Armenian pianist, Suren has actively participated in numerous events organized by the Conservatory, including concerts dedicated to the Days of Francophonie in Armenia, the Conservatory's centennial celebrations, and the annual piano department concerts.

In 2023, he performed in the jubilee concerts dedicated to the 120th anniversary of Aram Khachaturian.



# C R E D I T S

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